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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 12/8/2004.
2. Claims 1-52 are pending. Claims 1, 14, 27 and 40 are independent claims.
3. This action has been made Final

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. **The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:**

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. **Claims 1-2, 4-15, 17-28, 30-41, 43-52 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Abjanic U.S. Patent No. 6,732,175 B1 filed 4/13/2000.**

In regard to independent claim 1, Abjanic discloses *a network interface configured for receiving the received message from a source node, and forwarding the received message to a destination node, via an open protocol network, according to selected application operations (Abjanic Col 2 Lines 65-67 Col 3 Lines 1-9 and Col 10 Lines 46-55); an extensible markup language (XML) parser configured for parsing XML tags from a portion of the received message, the XML tags specifying prescribed attributes (Abjanic Col 12 Lines 20-39 and Col 11 Lines 25-32); and an application resource configured for interpreting the prescribed attributes from the XML tags based on runtime execution of the application resource, the application*

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resource initiating the selected application operations for routing the received message to the destination node. (Abjanic Col 3 Lines 2-22)

In regard to dependent claim 2, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application resource is configured for interpreting the prescribed attributes based on retrieval of prescribed syntax and semantics information. (Abjanic Col 4 Lines 10-12 Col 4 Lines 61-67 and Col 5 Lines 1-8)*

In regard to dependent claim 4, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application resource is configured for accessing, as one of the selected application operations, prescribed attribute information from a server providing information services via the open protocol network, the prescribed attribute information used for routing the received message. (Abjanic Col 2 Lines 65-67 and Col 3 Lines 1-9)*

In regard to dependent claim 5, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application resource accesses application services information as the prescribed attribute information based on parsing an XML tag specifying an application services requirement. (Abjanic Col 3 Lines 2-22 and Col 6 Lines 39-49)*

In regard to dependent claim 6, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application services information specifies quality of service information, the router configured for routing the received message based on the quality of service information. (Abjanic Col 4 Lines 1-12 i.e. provide different levels of service)*

In regard to dependent claim 7, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application resource is configured for accessing destination information based on parsing an XML tag specifying a destination requirement. (Abjanic Col 8 Lines 53-67 and Col 8 Lines 1-10 i.e. directs messages to the appropriate destination)*

In regard to dependent claim 8, Abjanic discloses *wherein the open protocol network is an Internet Protocol network.* (Abjanic Col 9 Lines 35-49 i.e. IP)

In regard to dependent claim 9, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application resource is configured for selecting the destination node based on correlating the destination information with the quality of service information.* (Abjanic Col 9 Lines 56-67 i.e. destination processing node and Col 4 Lines 1-12 i.e. provide different levels of service)

In regard to dependent claim 10, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application resource is configured for accessing security information from the server based on parsing an XML tag specifying a security requirement, the application resource configured for selectively routing the received message based on the accessed security information.* (Abjanic Col 9 Lines 56-67 Col 10 Lines 1-20 i.e. security accelerator for messages)

In regard to dependent claim 11, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application resource is configured for accessing destination information based on parsing an XML tag specifying a destination requirement* (Abjanic Col 12 Lines 20-39 and Col 11 Lines 25-32), *the destination information specifying multiple destination nodes* (Abjanic Col 6 Lines 63-67 and Col 7 Lines 1-12 i.e. multiple matches for messages to be forwarded), *the application resource configured for selectively routing the received message to authorized ones of the destination nodes based on the accessed security information.* (Abjanic Col 9 Lines 56-67 Col 10 Lines 1-20 i.e. security accelerator for messages)

In regard to dependent claim 12, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application resource is configured for accessing destination information based on parsing an XML tag specifying a document type* (Abjanic Col 12 Lines 20-39 and Col 11 Lines 25-32), *wherein the prescribed*

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syntax and semantics information specifies respective destinations for respective document types (Abjanic Col 4 Lines 10-12 Col 4 Lines 61-67 and Col 5 Lines 1-8), the application resource configured for determining the destination node based on the destination information and the document type. (Abjanic Col 3 Lines 2-22)

In regard to dependent claim 13, Abjanic discloses *wherein the application is configured for retrieving quality of service information for available destinations, the router configured for determining the destination node based on the received quality of service information and the document type. (Abjanic Col 4 Lines 1-12 i.e. provide different levels of service and Col 3 Lines 2-22)*

In regard to dependent claim 14, Abjanic discloses *receiving the received message from a source node via an open protocol network (Abjanic Col 2 Lines 65-67 Col 3 Lines 1-9 and Col 10 Lines 46-55); parsing XML tags from a portion of the received message, the XML tags specifying prescribed attributes (Abjanic Col 12 Lines 20-39 and Col 11 Lines 25-32); initiating selected application operations for routing the received message based on interpreting the prescribed attributes from the XML tags according to runtime execution of an application resource; and selectively outputting the received message to a destination node based on the selected application operations, wherein the method is conducted by the router. (Abjanic Col 3 Lines 2-22 and Abjanic Col 2 Lines 65-67 Col 3 Lines 1-9)*

In regard to dependent claims 15, 28 and 41, claims 15, 28 and 41 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 2 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 17, 30 and 43, claims 17, 30 and 43 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 4 and are rejected along the same rationale.

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In regard to dependent claims 18, 31 and 44, claims 18, 31 and 44 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 5 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 19, 32 and 45, claims 19, 32 and 45 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 6 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 20, 33 and 46, claims 20, 33 and 46 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 7 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 21, 34 and 47, claims 21, 34 and 47 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 8 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 22, 35 and 48, claims 22, 35 and 48 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 9 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 23, 36 and 49, claims 23, 36 and 49 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 10 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 24, 37 and 50, claims 24, 37 and 50 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 11 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 25, 38 and 51, claims 25, 38 and 51 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 12 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 26, 39 and 52, claims 26, 39 and 52 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 13 and are rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent claims 27 and 40, claims 27 and 40 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 14 and are rejected along the same rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 3, 16, 29, and 42 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abjanic as applied to claims 1, 14, 27 and 40, in view of Shafer U.S. Patent Pub No. 2002/0198974 A1 filed 5/31/2001.

In regard to dependent claim 3, Abjanic does not specifically disclose *further comprising a vocabulary library having vocabulary modules, each specifying the prescribed syntax and semantics information for a corresponding group of XML tags, the application resource configured for retrieving the prescribed syntax and semantics information from a selected one of the vocabulary modules based on parsing a first XML tag specifying the corresponding one vocabulary module.* However, Shafer mentions a render library that contains style sheets, object definition language (ODL) files necessary to render XML output (Shafer Para 0050 and 0053). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Shafer to Abjanic, providing Abjanic the benefit of having a render language library for the client application to access for rendering support and to render outputs based on the contents of XML style sheets and ODL files as taught by Shafer Paragraph 0053.

In regard to dependent claims 16, 29 and 42, claims 16, 29 and 42 reflect similar subject matter claimed in claim 3 and are rejected along the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

8. **Applicant's arguments filed 12/8/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.**

The applicant argues that a router is not used to conduct the process of the invention (Page 2 Paragraphs 1-2). However, Abjanic mentions that a router is involved in the process Abjanic Col 2 Lines 65-67 Col 3 Lines 1-9.

The applicant argues a vocabulary library not suggested and interpreting style sheets (Page 12 Lines1-4). However, Shafer mentions a render library that contains style sheets, object definition language (ODL) files necessary to render XML output (Shafer Para 0050 and 0053) and since style sheets are used in web pages, XML which is also used for web pages should be able to interpret these style sheets. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Shafer to Abjanic, providing Abjanic the benefit of having a render language library ,which could be used for vocabulary, for the client application to access for rendering support and to render outputs based on the contents of XML style sheets and ODL files as taught by Shafer Paragraph 0053.

Conclusion

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Londra C Burge whose telephone number is (571) 272-4122. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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